Delay recognition to college/university course

†1847. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the students have to suffer due to the delay in the process of granting recognition for courses to the colleges or universities;

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard;

(c) whether Government would declare the date of commencement of the academic year as the last date for recognition in order to check the delay in taking decision to grant recognition; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, the universities are autonomous organizations and have the authority to introduce new courses on their own.

Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools

1848. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools covered under the Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS), State-wise , as on 31st March, 2002;

(b) the criterion adopted for selection of schools under the scheme;

(c) whether private schools are also covered under the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the target fixed for coverage of more schools under the scheme; and

(f) the total amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.